

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	12/17/2014
BOARD MEETING	1/6/2015
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	Third
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEP UP ON SECOND STREET INC., TO OPERATE A DROP-IN CENTER PROGRAM FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH
PROGRAM	Drop-In Center Program for Transition-Age Youth (TAY), ages 16-25, in Santa Monica.
DEADLINES	N/A
COST & FUNDING	The FY 2014-15 TCA for the Agreement is \$ \$250,000 fully funded by State MHSA revenue.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the proposed actions will allow the Department of Mental Health to enter into a Service Agreement with Step Up On Second Street, Inc. to provide temporary safety and basic supports (e.g., showers, meals, clothing, referrals, vouchers, etc.), as well as outreach and engagement to homeless or at risk of homelessness and difficult-to-reach Seriously Emotionally Disturbed and Severe and Persistently Mentally Ill TAY who will otherwise remain underserved.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>The Drop-In Center Program for TAY is a component of Los Angeles County's MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan. Drop-In Centers have a strong emphasis on outreach and engagement to difficult-to-reach TAY who will otherwise remain un-served, as well as a strong emphasis on linkage of TAY to a range of resources that promote stability and self-sufficiency. Drop-In Centers are intended as entry points to the mental health system for SED and SPMI TAY who are living on the street or in unstable living situations. Drop-In Centers provide low-demand/high-tolerance environments in which youth can find temporary safety and basic supports. TAY accessing Drop-In Centers have an opportunity to build trusting relationships with the staff persons who can connect them to the services and supports this population needs in order to work toward stability and recovery.</p> <p>Under this Service Agreement, Step Up on Second Street, Inc. located at 1619 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404 will provide temporary safety and basic supports as well as outreach and engagement difficult-to-reach SED and SPMI TAY in Service Area 5.</p> <p>We anticipate the number of clients to be served at this Drop-In Center Program to be 300 TAY annually.</p>
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